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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared October 7, 1996 through October 11, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-DOE-K05218-00, Rating EC2, Sierra Nevada Region 2004 Power Marketing Program, Implementation, 1,480 megawatts (MW) Power from the Central Valley and Washoe Project, NV and CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information to establish the limited effect of hydropower operations downstream of facilities, the basis for estimated future peak power demand, the role of demand-side management, and the relationship of the proposed action with other referenced regional activities.

ERP No. D-GSA-E60015-GA, Rating LO, Clifton Road Campus of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Acquisition of Additional Property, DeKalb County, GA.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-TVA-E39037-00, Rating EC2, Shoreline Management Initiative: An Assessment of Residential Shoreline Development Impacts in the Tennessee Valley, Mainstream Tennessee River and Tributary Reservoirs in AL, KY, NC, TN, GA, MS and VA.

Summary: EPA believed that alternative D and C2 offer greater environmental benefits than the preferred alternative C1 which would open much of the shoreline to residential development. The PFEIS should consider existing water quality problems of some TVA reservoirs relative to prospective additional developments.

ERP No. DS-FHW-E40739-NC, Rating EC2, US 17, New Bern Bypass Construction, Jones-Craven County Line to NC-1438 near Vanceboro, Additional Information Concerning Three Additional Alternatives, Funding, COE Section 404 and US Coast Guard Bridge Permits Issuance, Craven County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding floodplains and wetland impacts. EPA requested that these issues be addressed in more detail in the final EIS.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-G65065-AR, Renewal of the Shortleaf Pine/Bluestem Grass Ecosystem and Recovery of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Amendment No. 22 to the Ouachita National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Scott and Polk Counties, AR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOE-L91010-OR, Hood River Fisheries Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance; Habitat Improvement and Research Program Development, Funding, Hood River Basin, Hood River County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FRC-K09806-CA, New Don Pedro Reservoir Project (NDPP) (FERC. No. 2299-024), Reservoir Release Requirements for Fish, Continuation and Maintenance, Issuance of Licenses, Tuolumne River and San Joaquin River Turlock and Malesto Irrigation Districts, Stanislaus County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FTA-C51014-NJ, Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Corridor Improvements, Funding, Transportation Systems Management, Light Rail Transit, Hudson and Bergen Counties, NJ.

Summary: EPA continued to express concern regarding wetland impacts. EPA requested additional wetland acreage and description information be submitted prior to the issuance of the Record of Decision.

ERP No. F-USA-A21035-OR, Umatilla Depot Activity, On-Site Facility for Disposal of Stockpiled Chemical Agents and Munitions, Construction and Operation, Morrow and Umatilla Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns regarding

emergency preparedness, risk assessment, and meteorological data. In addition, EPA is concerned about the apparent lack of effective government-to-government consultation between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the US Army.

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National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and chemicals to be addressed.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL) will be held on December 16-18, 1996, in Washington, D.C. At this meeting, the committee will continue deliberations on various aspects of the acute toxicology and development of Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGLs) for the following chemicals: ammonia, cyanogen chloride, and nitric acid. In addition, as time permits, the committee intends to address the development of AEGLs for the following chemicals: dimethyl hydrazine, methyl hydrazine, ethylene oxide, phosgene, chlorine, and phosphine.

DATES: A meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, December 16; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 17; and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Green Room on the third floor of the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington D.C.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be open to the public. Oral presentations and statements by interested parties will be limited to ten minutes. Since space is